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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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16 April 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Veterinary Command (VETCOM) Policy Memorandum - Fees
Charged by Veterinary Treatment Facilities (VTFs)

1. Reference AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services, 16 August 1994.
2. Reference 1 provides guidance regarding most fees charged in our VTFs. This policy letter will serve as further clarification and emphasis on VTF fees.
3. There will be NO professional fees, administrative fees, "sick call" fees, office visit fees, or similar fees under any name, charged in any VETCOM VTF. Reference 1, paragraph 6-1.b.(4).
4. There will be NO charges for PCS/ETS-related health certificates. However, there may be charges for vaccinations, diagnostic procedures, or other items provided during the exam for a health certificate.
5. There will be NO "fines" or unreasonable charges for owned animals that have been placed in our stray facilities. The fees should be similar (not necessarily the same) as those charged to appropriated funds for true stray animals (e.g., \$3 to \$5 a day per animal). Animal control regulations may address collection

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of punitive fines through the military or security police activities but not through the Veterinary Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF).

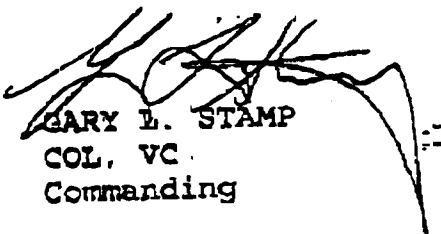
6. There will be NO differential or "sliding" scales for charges in our VTFs (e.g., professional discounts or higher charges for officer versus enlisted). In other words, everyone pays the same and receives the same service, regardless of position or rank.

7. There will be NO punitive fees for "no shows" in VETCOM VTFs, but Commanders may approve and manage administrative actions or processes to manage "no shows."

8. Ensure that your subordinate units receive a copy of this policy memorandum.

9. Destroy after two years, when superseded, or discontinuance of organizational element, whichever comes first.

10. Point of contact is LTC Cates, DSN 471-8702.



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